1	2	3	4
6.	Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve	Chhattisgarh	20.00
7.	Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh	25.00
8.	Achanakmar Tiger Reserve	Chhattisgarh	50.00
	TOTAL:		520.00

Elephants of India

†1137. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 100 elephants from India have crossed the border and entered into Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has insisted on their recall or else they would be killed; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No such incident has been reported by any of the bordering State Governments.

(c) Question does not arise.

Pollution in rivers

1138. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution has been increasing in various rivers including Brahmaputra through its tributaries like Bharaba river in Guwahati city;

(b) whether Government has taken any proper steps to stop pollution; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government has taken steps for pollution abatement in the identified stretches of the major rivers. The rivers conservation efforts in this direction commenced with the launching of the Ganga Action Plan (GAP) phase-I in the year 1985. GAP Phase-I was extended to GAP phase-II in various stages during 1993-96 to cover various tributaries of the river Ganga. GAP phase-II was merged in late 1996 with the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) which presently covers identified polluted stretches of 35 rivers and 164 towns spread over 20 States. The Pollution abatement works undertaken in these towns

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.